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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF  
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(PCT Rule 44.1)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 2043.022WG1	Date of mailing (day/month/year) <b>16 MAR 2005</b>
International application No. PCT/US04/38096	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b> See paragraphs 1 and 4 below
Applicant EBAY, INC.	International filing date (day/month/year) 15 November 2004 (15.11.2004)

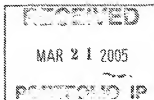
1. ☒ The applicant is hereby notified that the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority have been established and are transmitted herewith.  
 Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19:  
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 Where? Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO, 34 chemin des Colombes  
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 The applicant may submit comments on an informal basis on the written opinion of the International Searching Authority to the International Bureau. The International Bureau will send a copy of such comments to all designated Offices unless an international preliminary examination report has been or is to be established. These comments would also be made available to the public but not before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date.  
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 In respect of other designated Offices, the time limit of 30 months (or later) will apply even if no demand is filed within 19 months.  
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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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International application No. PCT/US04/38096	International filing date (day/month/year) 15 November 2004 (15.11.2004)	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 20 November 2003 (20.11.2003)
Applicant EBAY, INC.		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 11 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

**1. Basis of the Report**

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. ☐ With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. 1.

2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box No. II)

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box No. III)

4. With regard to the title,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regard to the drawings,

- a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 2

☐ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☒ as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention.

- b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract

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## Box IV TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of Item 5 of the first sheet)

## NEW ABSTRACT

A method and apparatus for canceling feedback in a network-based transaction facility are described. In one embodiment, the method includes receiving a request to cancel feedback pertaining to a transaction in a network-based transaction facility from a first party to the transaction (702), determining whether feedback request satisfied the cancellation criteria (704), inform the second party to the transaction about the request (706), receive response to the request from the second party (708) where the response from the second party satisfies the cancellation criteria (710), present to the second party details about the transaction and feedback (714) and receive confirmation from the second party to cancel the feedback (716), and cancel the feedback (720).

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : G06F 17/60

US CL : 705/10

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

(U.S. : 705/10)

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)  
Please See Continuation Sheet

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	eBay, eBay Feedback Removal Policy, 19 June 2000 [online - Internet Archive WaybackMachine - retrieved on 14 February 2005 - URL: <a href="http://pages.ebay.com/help/community/feedback_remove.html">http://pages.ebay.com/help/community/feedback_remove.html</a> ], entire document	1,10
Y	SquareTrade, How SquareTrade's Dispute Resolution Can Help Resolve Feedback Disputes, 12 March 2001, 18 June 2001, and 08 August 2002 [online - Internet Archive WaybackMachine - retrieved on 14 February 2005 - URL: <a href="http://www.squaretrade.com/eb/eBay_nf_020801.html">http://www.squaretrade.com/eb/eBay_nf_020801.html</a> ] entire document	2-7, 9, 11-17, 19, 23, 24
A	US 2002/0078152 A1 (Boone) 20 June 2002 (20.06.2002), Fig. 5, 6a, Para 0048-0067	1-24
A	WO 01/65338 A2 (Levy et al.) 7 September 2001(07.09.2001) Fig. 4, 5, 13, page 7-15	1-24
A	US 6,810,408 (Bates et al.) 26 October 2004 (26.10.2004), col. 1, lines 11-24	1-24

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.☐ See patent family annex.

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"A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance	"X" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
"B" earlier application or patent published on or after the international filing date	"X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
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"D" document relating to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means	"A" document member of the same patent family
"E" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed	

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## Continuation of B. FIELDS SEARCHED Item 3:

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GOOGLE: auction sites and feedback withdrawal

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